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SUBJ: ILO-63RD CONFERENCE-ARTICLE 17 AND STRUCTURE

1. IN THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE THE G-77 JUNE 17 EXPRESSED ITS NON-NEGOTIABLE POSTION ON STRUCTURE AND ARTICLE 17. THIS POSTION WAS DEVELOPED AT A 2-1/2 HOUR G-77 MEETING IN THE MORNING. THE G-77 POSITION AS STATED IS (A) TO REJECT CONSIDERATION OF THE MAINWARING(CANADA) COMPROMISE AMENDMENT ON ARTICLE 17; (BL TO MOVE ACCEPTANCE (AS A COMMITTEE RESOLUTION) OF THE G-77 OPERATIVE PART OF THEIR DRAFT TEXT ON STRUCTURE; AND (C) TO REJECT ANY INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON THESE ISSUES:

(1) AS IMEC MEETING ON STRUCTURE AND ARTICLE 17 CONVENEC AT 11:00 TO HEAR MAINWARING (CANADA) EXPRESS THE POSITION OF THE G-77 AS RELAYED TO HIM BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE G-77, THE AMBASSADOR OF EGYPT.

(2) MR. MAINWARING STATED THAT THE G-77 HAS DECIDED NOT TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 17 AT THIS CONFERENCE. THEY WANT IT CONSIDERED ONLY IN THE FULL CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION ON OTHER STRUCTURE ISSUES.

(3) HE THEN INDICATED THAT HE HAD ASKED ILO OFFICE TO REPRODUCE HIS TEXT. HE INTENDS TO INTRODUCE IT BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, INDICATE THAT IT HAS A WIDE MEASURE OF SUPPORT, BUTH THAT IN VIEW OF THE G-77 POSITION, HE WOULD NOT PRESS FOR A VOTE. HE WOULD THEN WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT. HIS REASON FOR TAKING THIS POSITION WAS TO HAVE

HIS AMENDMENT BECOME A PART OF THE RECORD.

4. MAINWARING THEN INDICATED THAT THE G-77 IS OPPOSED TO ANY INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS, BECAUSE THE EXTREMISTS ARE AFRAID THAT AN AGREEMENT OR AN UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE MODERATES. THE EXTREMISTS WANT IT TO BE ALL WORKED OUT IN PUBLIC IN THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE.

5. USREP HOROWITZ THEN INDICATED THAT THE AMBASSADOR OF SRI LANKA HAD TOLD HIM THAT DESPITE THE FORMAL POSITION OF THE G-77, THIS DID NOT NECESSARILY CLOSE THE DOOR ON MEETINGS BETWEEN THE LDCS AND THE IMEC GROUP. THIS POSITION HOWEVER HE CONTINUED, MAY BE MADE MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN REALISTIC.

6. THE NORWEGIAN REP THOUGHT THE COMMITTEE REPORT SHOULD STATE CERTAIN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED THAT THERE CAN BE NO CONDEMNATION WITHOUT INVESTIGATION. HOROWITZ ADDED THE INDIAN REP HAD EXPRESSED A SIMILAR VIEW.

7. VENTEJOL (GOVT OF FRANCE) SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THERE COULD BE TWO DRAFT REPORTS. ONE OF THESE COULD DEAL WITH ARTICLE 17 AND WOULD STATE THAT WE CANNOT HAVE A REJECTION OF THE MATTER. AT BEST WE COULD SAY THAT THE PROPOSAL HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED, BUT COULD SUGGEST THAT A NEW DRAFT BE SUBMITTED AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE PRINCIPLE.

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8. IN REACTION TO SUGGESTED STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE, HOROWITZ STATED THAT WE ARE AGAINST MORE STATEMENTS OF PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, HE SUGGESTED THAT IMEC RECONVENE A MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON TO DECIDE WHERE TO GO NOW.

9. THE COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE MET AT 12:30 M.M. FRANIC (GOVT OF YUGOSLAVIA) SECONDED THE G-77 DRAFT TEXT ON STRUCTURE. THE FORMAL G-77 POSITION WAS THEN MADE BY THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR EL-SHAFEI (SEE SEPTTEL). COMMITTEE THEN ADJOURNED AFTER DECIDING TO CONSIDER G-77 TEXT. MAJOR ISSUE NOW IS WHEN THE NEXT SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE, MORNING OF JUNE 18 OR IN TWO SESSIONS ON MONDAY. THIS ISSUE WILL BE DECIDED EVENING JUNE 17 BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.
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